Duties etc., of P. W. D. Section Officers.

284. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the duties, and responsibilities of the P. W. D. Section Officers in the State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A Section Officer holds the smallest unit of Executive charge of works. He is responsible to the Sub Division Officer or other officers under whom he is placed for the proper execution of works, measurement of the works done, and preparation of bills therefor. He is also responsible for the proper upkeep of roads, buildings, and other works in his charge and the safety of all Government stores in the Section. He will also be called upon to prepare estimates and plans for new schemes and to conduct investigations therefor when special agency for the purpose is not available or is not necessary.

Tenders for the supply of Government Stationery.

285. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many local merchants submitted tenders for Government stationery supply and how many sons of the soil were encouraged and how much percentage of the contract went to foreign agents?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The interpellation is vague. If the member will specify the year for which the information is required, it can be collected and supplied to him.

English High School, Nagercoil.

286. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any original sanctioned estimate and plans for constructing the English High School, Nagercoil?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report attached to the sanctioned estimate together with a statement showing the dates of inspection of all responsible officers of the P. W. D. and of the State not excluding the Dewan from the commencement to the end with their notes thereon?

(3) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the total outlay up-to-date (8-9-1105) on the work, with a comparative statement of each item of work done to the sanctioned estimate;

(*b*) the necessity of conducting some works departmentally and some by piece-work contract, while there are standing agreemented contractors in the department and also for this work?

(4) Will they be pleased to lay on the table:

(*a*) the abstract for the following division of labour met separately for this work, such as by—

(i) N. M. R. with a statement of abstract of each voucher passed and date;

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